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reader of the classics. He was a member of the Davenport Chamber of Commerce, was a trustee of the Davenport Public Museum, and was one of the three trustees of the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids. He was a member of the Unitarian church at Davenport.

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ERNEST H. FABRITZ was born near Eddyville, Iowa, May 17, 1895, and died in Ottumwa June 20, 1935. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Ottumwa. His parents were Henry and Mary Fabritz. He attended rural and grade schools, and O'Brien Business College, Ottumwa, and at seventeen took up office work which he followed four years, first as an employe of an investment company, and later with a coal company. He then entered on a collegiate course in the Lewis Institute, Chicago, but at the end of two years, or in April, 1918, enlisted in Company H, Three Hundred and Fiftieth Infantry, was sent overseas and spent more than a year in France where he was commissioned a lieutenant of infantry. Returning after the war he engaged in the hardware business, and at the time of his death was president of the Ernest H. Fabritz, Inc., operating two hardware stores in Ottumwa and one in Oskaloosa. He was active in American Legion work, was a director in the Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce, was past president of the Iowa Implement Dealers Association, a member of the Rotary Club, of the Knights of Columbus, and a prominent member of the Catholic church. In 1930 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1932, and served in the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth general assemblies. In the Forty-fifth he was chairman of the Fish and Game Committee. In 1934 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Fifth District, but was defeated at the polls by Lloyd Thurston, the Republican nominee and then congressman.

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ELBRIDGE HOSMER SABIN was born in Matawan, New Jersey, January 10, 1865, and died in the National Military Home hospital, Sawtelle, California, January 30, 1934. He came to Iowa with his parents, Henry and Esther Hotchkiss Sabin, in 1871. He was graduated from the Clinton (Iowa) High School in 1882 and from the State University of Iowa with the degree of A. B. in 1886. He studied law and practiced in Clinton, Denver, Colorado, Texas and elsewhere. In 1898 he enlisted in the First Texas Volunteer Cavalry and served on the border throughout the Spanish War. In 1900 he engaged with his father, Henry Sabin, in conducting a teachers' agency in Des Moines, and in 1914 removed with his father to Southern California. There he operated a lemon ranch at Chula Vista, south of San Diego, and at the time of his death had been in the real estate and insurance business in Chula Vista. He left a brother, Edwin L. Sabin, of Hemet, California.

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JOHN CUNNINGHAM was born in La Salle County, Illinois, February 28, 1870, and died in a hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa, July 10, 1935. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Humboldt, Iowa. His parents were

James and Anna Cunningham. He was graduated from Dixon College, Dixon, Illinois, in 1888 and the same year removed to Humboldt County, Iowa, where he taught school for two years. He was also graduated from Humboldt College, Humboldt, Iowa. He followed farming for some time. In 1900 he was elected county auditor, was three times re-elected, and served eight years. He read law under Judge D. F. Coyle of Humboldt, was admitted to the bar in 1907, and in the fall of 1908 was elected county attorney, was three times re-elected to that office and served eight years, or until January 1, 1917. He continued in the practice of law at Humboldt the remainder of his life. He held many other positions--township assessor, member of City Council, mayor, member of School Board, and in 1934 was elected representative and served in the Forty-sixth General Assembly. Politically he was a Republican.

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WILLIAM LUTHER ETTER was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in 1860 and died in Sigourney, Iowa, June 20, 1935. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Etter. He removed to Cedar County, Iowa, in 1883 where he worked on a farm, and taught school. He was graduated from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, in 1889 and the fall of that year was elected superintendent of schools of Cedar County and was twice re-elected, serving six years. He followed that by being superintendent of the city schools of Tipton from 1896 to 1899. The fall of 1899 he removed to Sigourney and became editor and publisher of the *Sigourney Review*. In 1908 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-third General Assembly. In 1926 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Sixth District, but lost in the general election to C. W. Ramseyer, the then congressman. In 1928 he sold his newspaper property to his son, Cotton Etter. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a man of good reputation, and was prominent in the councils of the Democratic party in his part of the state.

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BRUCE T. SEAMAN was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1845, and died in Davenport, Iowa, June 30, 1935. About six months after his birth he was brought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Seaman, in their removal to Scott County, Iowa. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm. He attended public school and entered the Preparatory Department of the State University of Iowa the fall of 1864 and attended for four years, or until the spring of 1868, finishing the first three years of the liberal arts course. He devoted his attention to farming and the breeding of livestock, especially horses. For many years he owned and operated the "Golden Sheaf" farm near Davenport. He served his township as justice of the peace, and in other positions, was elected representative from Scott County in 1877, was re-elected in 1879, and served in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth general assemblies. In his later years he was considered quite an authority on agricultural subjects, and was a very useful citizen.

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